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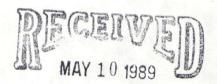
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5 MAY 1989



Glen Eurick Barrick Mercur Gold Mine P. O. Box 838 Tooele, Utah 84074

DIVISION OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Dear Mr. Eurick:

Receipt of your amendment to the Mercur plan-of-operations (File U27-86-088) is acknowledged. Approval of the amendment will be coordinated with the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining as discussed during the recent field examination. Due to the scope of revisions and the substantial public interest up to an additional 60 days (for a total of 90 days) will be necessary to complete review of the plan amendment.

Also addressed in your correspondence was Barrick's interest in purchasing certain isolated tracts of public land in Mercur Canyon. The Pony Express Resource Management Plan (RMP) is still under protest, but we anticipate that the protest may be resolved fairly soon. We would be interested in pursuing some type of direct conveyance to Barrick of those parcels of public land which are surrounded by Barrick holdings as identified in the RMP. We would look at alternative methods of conveyance, such as non-competitive sale or land exchange. It is BLM policy to recover our administrative costs in this type of direct conveyance. We will look into alternatives further, and draft a agreement for your review which would address administrative costs and methods of handling a conveyance. This will be sent under separate cover at a later date.

Please call me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Howard Hedrick Pony Express Area Manager

cc:Wayne Hedberg
Barrick Mercur Gold Mine